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Proceedings, Trustees Bowling Green State University

July 29, 1955
February 3, 1956

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The Board discussed at length the matter of compensation for University employees of outstanding ability whose tireless efforts and valuable services are so much greater than their salaries. Board members unanimously agreed that the University should do everything reasonably possible to provide salaries in keeping with the abilities and services of our highly capable administrative officers and faculty members.

The President stated that the full support given him by the Board had made it possible during the past four years to bring Bowling Green salaries from the bottom among the State universities of Ohio to a level fairly close to the average of salaries paid in the ranking universities of the country. Salary increases here have been proportionately larger than the increase in State appropriations, due to major changes in the University's internal operations and financial management. These changes have been instituted gradually by the President over the four-year period. One result has been to increase the amount of available funds to raise administrative and faculty salaries.

The higher salaries now being paid at Bowling Green have become a cause for concern on the part of the comparable State universities, however, and the other presidents have requested as a matter of cooperation that the President here hold the top administrative and professorial salaries in line with the salaries paid in similar positions and ranks at Kent, Miami, and Ohio.

The Board of Trustees recognized the importance of working cooperatively with the other State universities of Ohio. The Board also recognized the right and the responsibility of each of the State universities to operate in accordance with the policies and plans considered best by its own board and administration. Therefore, the Board decided unanimously as a matter of policy that the President of the University shall establish and provide salaries for highly qualified and competent persons in the administration and faculty at as adequate levels as can be arranged on a sound administrative basis within the available funds.

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Attest:

E. T. Rodgers
President

Alva W. Bachman
Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
February 3, 1956

The Board of Trustees met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 1956. The following members were present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer; Frazier Reams.

The minutes of the meeting of July 29, 1955, were approved.

The President reported that the pressure for admission to Bowling Green State University seems to be increasing at an accelerating rate. As of February 1, 1956, the number of applicants already officially admitted for September, 1956, was 33% higher than the comparable figure for the preceding year.

The President reported that construction of Founders Quadrangle is considerably behind schedule. University officials have requested the general contractor, the Knowlton Construction Company, to give prior attention to the completion of this building by September 1, 1956, even though the completion of the Music Building and the Union may thereby be somewhat delayed.

The President announced that a scale model of the University Union, constructed by Eldon Stahl, of Monroe, Michigan, had been received and that it would be ready for inspection by members of the Board following the meeting. Mr. Stahl is also building a model of the main campus.

A progress report on the acquisition of properties since the last meeting of the Board was given by the President. The properties acquired which were reported at this meeting are as follows:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Wayne E. Daily	N. 42' of S. 84' of Lots #3599, 3600, 3601 (431 N. College Drive)	\$ 11,200.00
Algia Chamberlain	Inlots #3575, 3577, 3586, 3587 (605 Hombs)	16,500.00
Denzil and Margaret Russell	Lot #1705 (640 E. Merry)	14,084.67
Rev. W. H. Constein	Lots #3595, 3608, J. H. Lincoln's Addition	15,000.00
Alma Leedom and Augusta Sutter	Outlot 83 - E. 440' S. 340' of Outlot 83 (815 Ridge)	40,000.00
Howard and Mary Alice Rutter	Lot #246, Block 41, North Reed's Addition (215 Thurstin)	19,600.00

Acquisition of the following properties had been previously reported by the President at the meeting on July 29, 1955:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Edith Swartz	Lot #3607 -- 52' x 152.3' (611 Ridge Street)	\$ 13,750.00
George H. Emmitt	Inlots 1701 and 1702	1,800.00

The critical need for housing for married students was discussed. It was agreed that the question of the extent of the University's obligation to provide housing for married students is a matter of general public policy which should be determined at a later meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell and seconded by Mr. Reams that the President be authorized to investigate the possibility of acquiring additional land in the Urschel area; that the President report to the Board the terms on which such property might be acquired. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

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The President reported that Mr. G. E. Strauss, Chief of the Real Estate Division of the State Department of Public Works, is in charge of the condemnation proceedings to secure for the University the property located at the northeast corner of Ridge Street and College Drive, owners of which are Pearl A. Falls, et al.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Schwyn

- (1) That it is the studied judgment of the Board of Trustees that the suggested price of \$8000.00, based upon the appraisals as outlined in Mr. Strauss' letter of November 25th, 1955, and recommended by the Department of Public Works, is a fair and just price and that the Department of Public Works be instructed to make a formal final offer in that amount. In the event the offer is refused, the Department is then to proceed with the condemnation proceedings in the amount of \$7400.00;
- (2) That the Business Manager or Assistant Business Manager of the University be authorized and directed to initiate the following encumbrances of funds from Rotary F:
 - (a) For land located at 703 Ridge Street, Bowling Green, Ohio, and being further described as the South Half of Outlot No. 78 in the City of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as designated on the recorded plat of the subdivision, in Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 11 East, which plat is recorded in Vol. 7, page 5, plat records of Wood County, Ohio.....\$ 8,000.00
 - (b) For estimated court costs, appraisals and expert witness fees incident to the appropriation of land owned by Pearl A. Falls, et al., located at 703 Ridge Street, Bowling Green, Ohio, and being further described as the South Half of Outlot No. 78 in the City of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as designated on the recorded plat of the subdivision, in Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 11 East, which plat is recorded in Vol. 7, page 5, plat records of Wood County, Ohio..... 500.00

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

The following capital improvements, as authorized by the 1956 Special Session of the Ohio General Assembly, were considered by the Board:

1. Construct tunnel including service and utility lines from Central Heating Plant to connect with main campus tunnel at Shatzel Hall \$112,000.00
2. Construct and equip small home economics building to provide more adequate instructional facilities for home economics and at the same time make available for other uses the first floor of the Practical Arts Building 250,000.00
3. Construct and equip a classroom building to provide more adequately for instruction in arts and science subjects 800,000.00
4. Improve the Central Heating Plant by installing a gas-fired boiler and making related alterations 75,000.00
5. Improve campus walks, drives, and parking. This project will (a) permit the elimination of present drives from the heart of the campus where they are not only in complete disharmony with the desirable character and atmosphere of the inner educational court, but also constitute a serious hazard to student-pedestrian traffic, increasing heavily year by year; (b) permit the completion of well-located delivery drives behind all buildings on the campus; (c) permit the construction of additional parking areas for approximately 1,000 automobiles, and (d) provide funds for improving walkways in the main campus 148,894.00

In addition to appropriated funds for the University to proceed immediately with the five projects listed above, the following amounts were appropriated to cover architectural fees for capital improvements on which it is expected contracts will be let in the year 1957 or early in 1958 and for which the Capital Improvements and Planning Board expects to recommend appropriations by the 103rd General Assembly:

1. Construct and equip building for composite use: (a) health and physical education instruction; (b) military science instruction; (c) air science instruction; (d) auditorium and assembly activities \$ 42,000.00
2. Remodel and equip Practical Arts Building for instructional use by departments in the College of Business Administration 11,550.00
3. Construct and equip Unit 2 of the building for instruction in chemistry, physics, mathematics, and geology (the present Chemistry Building is the first unit) 27,300.00

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Reams that the President of the University be authorized and directed to arrange for securing, through the State Director of Public Works, the services of architectural and engineering firms to proceed with the projects included in the two lists set forth above, and to take all other steps incident to the planning, constructing, and equipping of said projects at the earliest feasible date. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Donnell that the instructional building for mathematics and the physical sciences, incorporating both the present (Chemistry Building) unit and the new unit, be officially designated "Overman Hall," in recognition of the unique service and contribution of Dean Emeritus J. Robert Overman in the development and progress of the University. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell and seconded by Mr. Schwyn

- (1) That the classroom building for music instruction presently being constructed be officially designated "Hall of Music";
- (2) That the new building for composite use in health and physical education, military and air science, and assembly hall activities be officially designated "Memorial Hall," in honor of all Bowling Green State University students who have given their lives serving our nation in the armed services.
- (3) That the new building for home economics instruction be officially designated "Home Economics Hall."

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The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn. The renaming of the building now known as the Practical Arts Building, which is to become an instructional building for departments in the College of Business Administration, was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Schwyn that the following changes in fees be approved, effective on the dates indicated:

Effective beginning September, 1956--

Registration Fee--\$150.00 per year

Out-of-State Fee--\$250.00 per year

Incidental Fee--\$38.00 a semester, and discontinuing the following separate fees:

Student Activity Fee of \$15; Library Fee of \$4; Student Health Fee of \$7.50.

The Union Building Fee of \$10 a semester is to be included in the Incidental Fee.

Part-time study (less than 5 semester hours): Drop Library Fee; increase Incidental

Fee from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per semester hour

Laboratory fees in the following courses:

Biology 401, 402--\$2.00 per hour; 416--\$4.00 per hour

Home Economics 352--\$2.00

Speech 261, \$1.00; 444, 445--\$2.00

Effective beginning February, 1956--

Laboratory fees in the following courses:

Art 111, 112, 211, 212, 215, 311, 331, 332, 352--\$2.00; 101, 271, 272, 273, 274,

343, 345, 371, 372, 373, 374, 471, 472, 473, 474--\$3.00; 347, 348, 349--\$4.00;

277, 278, 377, 378, 477, 478--\$5.00; 261, 262, 263, 264, 321, 322, 361, 362,

363, 461, 462--\$6.00; 391--\$2.00-\$10.00; 205, 206--\$10.00

Geology 309--\$3.00; 101, 102--\$4.00; 203, 204, 301, 406--\$5.00; 311, 316, 451--

\$7.00; 490, 491--\$3.00 per hour; 492--\$1.00 per hour

Graduate Courses in Extension--Library Fee of \$5.00 for 2- and 3-hour courses

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Reams (1) that the board-and-room rate in all dormitories continue as at present (\$270.00 a semester) until the beginning of the semester following the opening of Founders Quadrangle; (2) that the board-and-room rate, beginning with the semester following the opening of Founders, be \$290.00 a semester. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

The President reported that it may become necessary, by 1957 or 1958, to increase the board-and-room rate still further, since the figure of \$290.00 a semester is relatively low. Board members affirmed that the President should recommend further increase in board-and-room rates if necessary to provide adequate revenues in the dormitory and dining-hall system.

A map of the campus, showing the probable locations of the several capital improvements made possible by the appropriations of the Special Session of the General Assembly, was placed in the hands of each member of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Reams and seconded by Mr. Bachman that (1) the President be directed to file a request with the Bureau of Internal Revenue that the Bowling Green State University Research and Development Committee (to be succeeded by the Bowling Green State University Foundation) be included on the cumulative list of organizations described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) that the action taken by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 1955, with respect to the Research and Development Committee, as set forth in the permanent record of the minutes of the Board on page 117, paragraphs 1 and 2, Volume 5, be rescinded; (3) that the President of the University be authorized and directed to proceed with the incorporation of the Bowling Green State University Foundation as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Donnell and seconded by Mr. Reams that the Board of Trustees express to Mr. Kreischer their good wishes and their hope that he may have a speedy recovery from his recent illness; that, in recognition of his devoted service to the University, he be granted a leave of absence with full pay for a period of from two to four months, or for a longer period if so directed by the President of the University, with the understanding that he will spend such leave in recuperation and rest in Florida or some other place recommended by his physician; that the President of the University and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees advise Mr. Kreischer of this action. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Schwyn

- (1) That, in accordance with the intention of the Board of Trustees at the time of his original appointment in 1951, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald be reappointed to serve as President of the University from September 1, 1956, until the date of his retirement under the provisions of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio;
- (2) That the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized and directed, on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees, to enter into written contract with Dr. McDonald to bind the appointment legally in accordance with this action, incorporating in the contract the further provisions of his original appointment to the presidency as set forth in the minutes of the Board under date of June 2, 1951.

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman and seconded by Mr. Reams that the appointments and other payroll changes as presented by the President be confirmed. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman, Donnell, Reams, Rodgers, and Schwyn.

Promotions and Appointments in Faculty and Administration

Leland S. Van Scoyoc, Associate Professor of Economics, to Associate Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1955-56 (succeeding Dr. Helms, who became Dean of the Graduate School)

Jacob Verduin, Associate Professor of Biology, to Associate Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1956-57 (succeeding Dr. Otis, who retires this year)

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John R. Coash, Associate Professor of Geology, to Associate Professor of Geology and Chairman of the Department, effective with the beginning of the academic year 1956-57 (succeeding Dr. Mayfield, who will continue on the faculty)

Lyle C. Gainsley, from Assistant to the Registrar to Assistant Registrar, with faculty rank of Instructor, effective September 1, 1956

F. E. Beatty, from Assistant to the President to become assistant director for capital improvements, Office of Residential and Plant Operations, effective January 21, 1956, with the title of Capital Improvements Officer

Ralph H. Geer, from Director of Admissions to Assistant Dean, College of Education, effective September 1, 1956

Glenn I. Van Wormer, from Registrar to Registrar and Director of Admissions, effective September 1, 1956.

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Attest:

E. T. Rodgers
Chairman

Alva W. Bachman
Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
June 15, 1956

The Board of Trustees met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 1956. The following persons were present: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer; Frazier Reams.

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1956, were approved.

It was announced that the official certificate and executed oath of office covering the reappointment of Mr. Frazier Reams as a member of the Board of Trustees for a five-year term ending May 17, 1961, had been received from Governor Frank J. Lausche and filed in the vault of the President's Office.

The following were elected as officers of the Board of Trustees to serve for the year 1956-57 and thereafter until their successors are elected: E. T. Rodgers, President; Carl H. Schwyn, Vice President; Alva W. Bachman, Secretary; J. C. Donnell II, Treasurer.

The President reported that registration for the first session of the 1956 Summer School is approximately 12% above the registration for the first session last year.

The following properties were reported to have been acquired by the Bowling Green University Housing Commission since the last meeting of the Board:

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Anna E. Smith et al.	Lots 3604 and 3605 (619 and 621 Ridge Street) Note: A part interest in this property, held by an incompetent daughter of Mrs. Smith, has not yet been acquired by the University.	Amount paid for interests already purchased by University, \$16,398.15 Amount set aside for purchase of interest of incompetent daughter, \$3,601.85

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Donnell that the President of the University be authorized to grant to the Ohio Fuel Gas Company permission to install lines and provide for the maintenance thereof on the campus of Bowling Green State University, as follows:

1. The Company shall have permission to construct lines from Pike Street to the Central Heating Plant, the specific site of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the officials of said Gas Company and Bowling Green State University.
2. The Company shall have access to and use of an area approximately 15' x 20' at a point between Pike Street and the Central Heating Plant, which site is to be mutually agreed upon by the officials of the Gas Company and Bowling Green State University.
3. The University agrees to construct or cause to be constructed, at no expense to said Gas Company, the structure to house regulator valves and other equipment as referenced in paragraph two above.
4. Said Gas Company shall have the right to enter upon the property of said University in the proximity of its lines and equipment for servicing same.

The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.

The President reported that, pursuant to the request of the Board of Trustees, the State Director of Public Works and the Attorney General of Ohio instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire the property at the north-east corner of Ridge Street and College Drive for the University--being the south half of Outlot 78, 703 Ridge Street, in the City of Bowling Green. Attorneys John Halleck for Leon D. Smith and Bowman, Hanna, and Middleton for Pearl A. and Clifton T. Falls have agreed with Mr. Bachman and the President of the University to accept \$8500.00 in full payment for warranty deed with abstract showing clear title to this property. Staff attorneys in the State Department of Public Works who have been handling this case are proceeding to make arrangements with the Attorney General for the settlement of the case on this basis.

It was moved by Mr. Schwyn and seconded by Mr. Donnell that (1) the Board of Trustees approve the compromise settlement of the condemnation suit for the Smith-Falls property as reported by the President; (2) the Business Manager of the University be authorized and directed to make payment of \$8500.00 for the property, and also make payment of costs, not to exceed \$500.00, incurred by the State Department of Public Works in connection with this case, the payments to be made at such time and in such manner as may be requested by the staff attorneys of the State Department of Public Works. The motion carried, the following members voting aye: Bachman; Donnell; Reams; Rodgers; Schwyn.